

Art Unit: 3763

In claim 16, at line 13 before "axial",

"the" has been deleted,

--an--has been inserted.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or render obvious at the time the invention was made the method as specifically including delivering the laser beam through the side port of the tubular member to the site of the root canal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin C. Sirmons whose telephone number is 571-272-4965. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 6:30-4:00 ALT FRI.